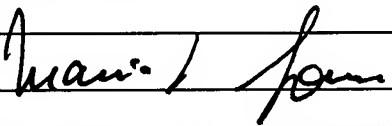


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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 26, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith to extend the response date to November 26, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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